



# (U) GULF OF GUINEA/HORN OF AFRICA/SOUTHEAST ASIA: Weekly Piracy Update for 5 – 11 March 2020

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## (U) Piracy and Armed Robbery Activity Levels: Gulf of Guinea: *Moderate* / Horn of Africa: *Low* / Southeast Asia: *Low*

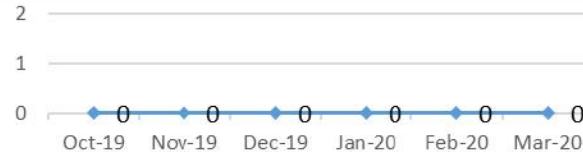
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### (U) Gulf of Guinea Incidents



### (U) Horn of Africa Incidents



### (U) Southeast Asia Incidents



Event	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Hijackings	0	2	6	4	0
Kidnappings	26	30	28	32	3
Hijacking/Kidnapping Combination	3	0	4	2	0
Attacks/Attempted Boardings	54	35	44	39	9
Boardings	39	53	64	55	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>24</b>

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Event	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Hijackings	0	2	0	0	0
Boardings	0	1	0	0	0
Attacks/Attempted Boardings	1	3	2	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>

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Event	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Hijackings	2	3	1	0	0
Kidnappings	19	4	3	4	1
Attacks, Boardings and Attempts	96	95	82	92	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>16</b>

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### Gulf of Guinea

1. (U) **BOARDING** – IVORY COAST: On 7 March at 0150Z, a robber in a canoe pulled alongside and boarded an offshore tug anchored at the Abidjan Anchorage at 05:16N – 004:02E. When the crew noticed the robber, they mustered and searched the vessel. Port Control was notified and a security boat was sent to investigate. The robber managed to steal a mobile phone before disembarking the tug. (ICC)
2. (U) **KIDNAPPING** – BENIN: On 5 March at 1300Z, 5-6 pirates boarded the underway Greece-flagged product tanker MINERVA VIRGO approximately 45 NM south of Cotonou, Benin at 05:36N – 002:20E. The pirates managed to kidnap a Filipino crew member before the Benin Navy arrived on the scene. (MDAT-GOG, Dryad Global)
3. (U) **BOARDING** – NIGERIA: On 5 March at 1830Z, pirates boarded the Hong Kong-flagged general cargo vessel HUANGHAI GLORY approximately 80 NM south of Lagos, Nigeria at 05:02N – 003:28E. The crew retreated to the citadel. The pirates disembarked and departed the area before the Nigerian Navy was able to arrive on the scene. (MDAT-GOG, Gray Page)
4. (U) **SUSPICIOUS APPROACH** – TOGO: On 5 March at 0746Z, 9–10 individuals in a skiff approached the chemical tanker Marshall Island-flagged STI BOSPHORUS approximately 50 NM south of Lome, Togo. The STI BOSPHORUS took evasive maneuvers, increased speed, and activated the fire hoses. The skiff subsequently broke off the pursuit. (Dryad Global, CSO Alliance)

### Horn of Africa

(U) No incidents to report.

### Southeast Asia

(U) No incidents to report.

### Terms of Reference

- (U) Attempted Boarding - Close approach or hull-to-hull contact with report that boarding paraphernalia were employed or visible in the approaching boat.
- (U) Boarding - Unauthorized embarkation of a vessel by persons not part of its complement without successfully taking control of the vessel.
- (U) Fired Upon - Weapons discharged at or toward a vessel.
- (U) Hijacking - Unauthorized seizure and retention of a vessel by persons not part of its complement.
- (U) Kidnapping - Unauthorized forcible removal of persons belonging to the vessel from it.
- (U) Robbery - Theft from a vessel or from persons a board the vessel.
- (U) Suspicious Approach - All other unexplained activity in close proximity by an unknown vessel.

### Piracy Levels

- (U) High: 5 or more piracy incidents in this one-week period.
- (U) Moderate: 2–4 piracy incidents in this one-week period.
- (U) Low: 0–1 piracy incidents in this one-week period.